

## Guidelines for Reviewers

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- **Timeliness:** Complete reviews within the agreed timeframe to ensure the efficient processing of submissions.

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Reviewers are encouraged to focus on:

- **Originality and significance** of the research.
- **Methodological quality and reproducibility**, including sufficient detail in Materials and Methods.
- **Validity of results and soundness of interpretation.**
- **Clarity of presentation and organization.**
- **Compliance with ethical standards** for human, animal, or cell-line research.

## Reviewer Ethics

- Do not use any information obtained through peer review for personal advantage or to discredit others.
- Provide respectful, professional, and constructive feedback that helps authors improve their work.
- Support the journal's mission of connecting experimental research with clinical practice by recommending improvements when possible.

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Reviewers must not upload manuscripts, or any part of them, into generative AI tools, as this breaches confidentiality.

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